

Exhibit 5:

Acknowledgment of Western Values Project's March 23, 2018
Interior Department FOIA Request (Oct. 24, 2018)



United States Department of the Interior
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, DC 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:
7202.4-OS-2019-00062

October 24, 2018

Via email: csaeger@westernvaluesproject.org

Chris Saeger, Executive Director
Western Values Project
704C East 13th St, Suite 568
Whitefish, MT 59937

Dear Mr. Saeger:

On March 23, 2018 you filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking the following:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I request access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from the following Interior Department officials that include any keyword listed in Appendix A, since March 4, 2018:

- Laura Rigas
- Heather Swift
- Russell Newell
- Alex Hinson
- Gareth Rees
- Leila Getto
- Catherine Gulac

Your request was received in the Office of the Secretary FOIA office on March 23, 2018, and assigned control number **OS-2019-00062**. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

We have classified you as an “other-use” requestor. As such, we may charge you for some of our duplication costs, but we will not charge you for our search or review costs; you also are entitled to up to 100 pages of photocopies (or an equivalent volume) for free. *See* 43 C.F.R. § 2.39. If, after taking into consideration your fee category entitlements, our processing costs are less than \$50.00, we will not bill you because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. *See* 43 C.F.R. § 2.37(g).

Mr. Chris Saeger

You have asked for a waiver of all FOIA processing fees. Please be advised that we are in the process of determining whether or not your entitlements are sufficient to enable us to process your request, or if we will need to issue a formal determination on your request for a fee waiver.

Because we will need to search for and collect requested records from field facilities or other establishments that are separate from the office processing the request, we are taking a 10-workday extension under *43 C.F.R. § 2.19*. For the same reason, we are placing your request under the “Normal” processing track. *See 43 C.F.R. § 2.15*. You can expect to hear from us promptly regarding the outcome of this search.

In the interim, if you have any questions regarding the status of your request, or any of the issues discussed in this letter, you may contact Judge P. Stephens by phone at (202) 208-5921, by fax at (202) 219-2374, by e-mail at os_foia@ios.doi.gov or by mail at U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C St, N.W., MS-7328 MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240. You also may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, Clarice Julka.

Sincerely,

Clarice Julka
Office of the Secretary
FOIA Officer